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TO INFO	Chief of Station, Vienna Chief, EE		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 6-124-27/1
FROM	Chief of Base, Salzburg		DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES METHOD EXEMPTION 3828 DATE 2007 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT 3 December 1959
SUBJECT	GRCROOND/PLANS Staybehind Flanning		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	Request approval of the plans outlined below.		XX INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY
REFERENCE(S)	EAVW-13423, 10 September 1959		
<p>1. In accordance with the recommendations noted in reference, we submit the following plan of action for implementing the necessary cut-backs and redirection of agent activity. Some of the points noted below should probably be incorporated into a revised GRCROOND Project Outline. We shall, therefore, submit a project amendment at a later date for Headquarters comment and approval.</p> <p>2. UW Areas 2, 4, 6 and 7 have been designated Category II Areas. Since we are required ultimately to be able to develop Category I/C capability in these areas, however, we see little purpose in deactivating the agents we have until they have reached that degree of ability. We propose to complete the training of all P/A's (ORBLAMED-26, GRREPAIR-6 and GRREPAIR-9) through at least Phase II of our operational training program. Upon completion of training they will be briefed on the tasks and activities required for Category I/C, but with the understanding that they are to take no action until they receive specific instructions from us. We estimate that training, briefing and deactivation of these agents can be accomplished by the end of April or the beginning of May 1960. Most of the radio operators, GRIMPASTE and GRAVIMETRY-4 being the only exceptions, have not yet completed their W/T training. They will not be ready for deactivation for some time and in the case of GRREPAIR-18 probably not until late 1961. We shall continue their operational training at a somewhat slower pace than with the P/A's and will include Phase I and an abbreviated version of Phase II subjects only. At the time of deactivation each agent will be paid the balance of his salary for the calendar year or a minimum of six month's salary as a token of appreciation. No payments of any kind will be made thereafter except expenses and per diem for the W/T operators when they make their yearly trip to Frankfurt for refresher training. As there may be occasional contact with the P/A's, however, we suggest that provision be made to give them presents of an appropriate nature at those times.</p> <p>3. Although UW Areas 1 and 3 have been ruled out as areas of operation, we have certain assets and equipment located in those areas which we see no reason to abandon. ORBLAMED-26 and ORBLAMED-31 (a W/T agent) are located in UW Area #1. As we are to retain all radio operators (with the exception of the ORLAUNCHER's), we should not terminate ORBLAMED-31 and to maintain his effectiveness we should retain his P/A, ORBLAMED-26. We intend, for planning purposes, to consider these two agents plus GRIMPASTE as the nucleus (inactive) for UW Area #2. Because ORBLAMED-31 does not know ORBLAMED-26 as his P/A, we shall set up a verbal recognition signal to be used by ORBLAMED-26 in identifying himself to ORBLAMED-31. We do not intend to identify GRIMPASTE to the ORBLAMED's as this can be accomplished, if necessary, by radio after the outbreak of hostilities. GRIMPASTE will be maintained as a singleton radio operator who can, if desirable, be used as an alternate or emergency means of communicating with ORBLAMED-26. GRIMPASTE will also continue to use UW Area #3 as an emergency retreat in which he will have a radio cache with a duplicate signal plan and sufficient pads and crystals with which to operate.</p> <p>4. GRAVIMETRY-4, as heretofore, will be considered a part of the staybehind nucleus in UW Area 4. As there is no P/A in GRAVIMETRY-4's immediate vicinity and because GRREPAIR-18 may not be a competent operator by the time a war starts, we should develop a secure method of introducing GRAVIMETRY-4 to GRREPAIR-6. Because of the peculiar security situation of GRAVIMETRY-4, it would be best not to give him GRREPAIR-6's identity, but to provide him with an oral and visual recognition signal with which GRREPAIR-6 would establish his bona fides. GRREPAIR-6, of necessity, would have to be given GRAVIMETRY-4's identity and location along</p>			
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with the appropriate recognition signals. The basic contact plan can be given to GRREPAIR-6 at the time of his deactivation. GRAVIMETRY-4's identity and specific location, however, should be withheld until the combined circumstances of imminent war and GRREPAIR-18's lack of sufficient W/T ability occurs. If GRREPAIR-18 reaches proficiency before the commencement of hostilities, we shall continue to withhold GRAVIMETRY-4's identity until it becomes necessary to have an alternate communications channel to GRREPAIR-6. At that time we can send specific contact instructions to both GRREPAIR-6 and GRAVIMETRY-4 by radio. (Note: We have other plans for GRREPAIR-4's future activity. See EASA-5265, 29 November 1959.)

5. In UW Area 6 we shall have to inform GRREPAIR-9 that we have a trained radio operator for him (GRREPAIR-15), but that neither will be given the other's identity. In this case it should not be too difficult to arrange both a dead drop system of communications between the two and a method of personal contact through oral and visual recognition signals. Dead Drop communication can be used as the primary channel and, by prearranged signal, as a way to set up initial and subsequent personal meetings. Both agents will be given a signal with which to activate the personal meeting plan, but GRREPAIR-15 will be instructed to do so only in case of emergency. We should note here, in reference to these agents as well as to GRREPAIR-7 and -17, that as part of the deactivation process we will try to cut GRREPAIR-3 out of the operation. The success of this move will depend entirely upon the cooperation of the four agents in carrying out a deception on GRREPAIR-3.

6. We shall attempt to obtain a definite commitment from GRGIVING with reference to UW Area 7. If we are successful we shall forward a definitive plan of action. We do not, however, hold very high hopes that GRGIVING can or will operate in this area.

7. We do not foresee any problems in the two Category I/C Areas. We shall maintain regular contact with GRREPAIR-7 and -17 in UW Area 5 until the latter has completed his W/T training. We shall inform them as soon as possible that they will eventually be placed in an inactive status with infrequent case officer contact and cessation of salary payments. They will be briefed on our decision to cut GRREPAIR-3 out of the operation and will be instructed not to engage in operational discussion of any sort with him in the future.


8. With reference to UW Area 8, we propose to revert to the original GRICE operational plan in which GRICE was to be the P/A and chief radio operator in charge of approximately six sub-agents in that area. We shall present this proposal in greater detail by separate dispatch after we have discussed the matter with _____ and GRICE.



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Additional Comment;

This dispatch follows the new limits to our stay-behind activity under GRCROOND as outlined in reference with but one exception. Rather than simply shelving three Principal Agents now, we feel that it would be to the best advantage of the organization if they complete their training as described in this memorandum and then put on ice. This will entail about three meetings each lasting not longer than another four months. Any contact thereafter will be in conjunction with activity involving the W/T operators and will require no extra effort or expense.



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